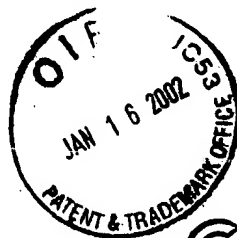


**REQUEST FORM FOR
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

DOCKET NUMBER: 041-1972A
Prior Application: 08/956,585
Art Unit: 2714
Examiner: P. Natnael



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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/956,585, filed on October 23, 1997, entitled DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM USING VIRTUAL CHANNELS

following named inventors: Ryota TSUKIDATE et al.

1. ☒ I hereby state that the enclosed application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 08/956,585.
2. Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
 - i. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1
3. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is hereby incorporated by reference.
4. ☒ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
6. ☐ Cancel claims.

7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

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- 7a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 7b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application; such status is still proper and desired.
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1209.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 08/956,585 filed October 23, 1997.—
10. ☒ Priority of Application Serial No. 8-279756 filed on October 23, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119. certified priority document(s) were filed in Serial No. 08/956,585 on October 23, 1997
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
Israel Gopstein, Registration No.. 27,333 formerly of the former firm of LOWE PRICE LEBLANC & B
13. ☒ Also enclosed:
8 pages of drawings.
14. ☒ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until June 23,

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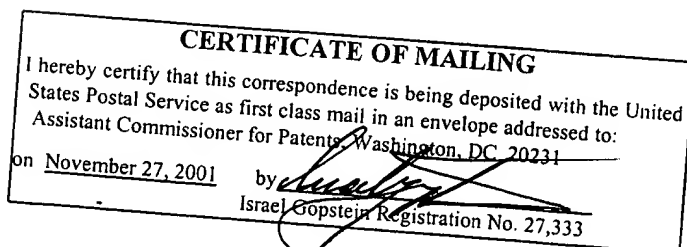
In response to the Notice of Allowability dated August 27, 2001, applicant submits herewith EIGHT (8) sheets of Formal Drawings for the above referenced application.

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